

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS COMMUNICATIONS

# NEWS

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### **Sedgwick County Burn Ban Lifted**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) Sedgwick County has been under a burn ban since January 25, 2002. However, with the precipitation brought on by the recent winter storms, the burn ban has been lifted.

Despite this change, Sedgwick County Fire District #1 asks the public to be aware of ignition sources that could start an unwanted fire. Possible sources include open burning, discarded smoking materials, cooking grills, and discarded ashes from fireplaces. Make it a habit to be sure materials are completely extinguished before leaving them unattended.

In Sedgwick County, all burning activities **require** a valid burn permit. To obtain a permit, go to any Sedgwick County Fire Station or contact the Sedgwick County Fire Prevention Office at 744-0471. For those citizens in possession of valid permits at the time the ban was declared, a one-week extension will be granted. All others wishing to burn must obtain a permit.

#### For further information, contact:

Sedgwick County Fire District #1: Fire Marshal Greg Thompson or Division Chief Tim Millspaugh at 744-0471

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